

LANDSCAPE RESOURCES

Compiled by the City of Fresno Water Conservation Program.

THINGS TO READ! PLACES TO VISIT! WEB SITES TO SEARCH!

About 60% of water used is in landscapes. Much is wasted. The City of Fresno Water Conservation Program now provides FREE landscape irrigation consultation for residential or commercial/industrial customers. The service includes irrigation and plant material tips, and the Landscape Specialist will help you develop an irrigation schedule. We can also help you set your irrigation controller timer. Contact us at 621-5480 for more information.

We have compiled several landscape related resources to help you. Many are local. This is a great starting place for you to learn more about landscape and efficient watering!

THINGS TO READ! . . . Resources providing information about landscaping.

PLACES TO VISIT! . . . Listing of local water efficient demonstration gardens.

WEB SITES TO SEARCH! . . . Internet sites to research landscape information.

THINGS TO READ!

Book References

Sunset Western Garden Book,

Sunset Publishing. Supplies the western US climate zones with descriptions, provides plant selection-plant lists for different categories and gardening techniques, keyed extensive plant encyclopedia to climate zones, water needs, sun/shade conditions, and a glossary of terms. Most used reference book in the horticulture industry written in layman's terms.

Landscape Plants for Western Regions: An Illustrated Guide to Plants for Water Conservation.

Author Bob Perry, Library of Congress # 92-073474, Land Design Pub, Claremont CA. Drought tolerant plants for western US regions with pictures of mature plants.

A Guide to Estimating Irrigation Water Needs of Landscape Plantings in California.

Available at Dept. of Water Resources, Bulletins and Reports, PO Box 942836, Sacramento, Ca 94236-000, (916) 653-1097. Available in print, CD, or on-line.

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/docs/wucols00.pdf>

Part one - concepts, terms, and formulas needed to estimate irrigation water needs.

Part two - list of trees, shrubs, and perennials rated for water needs in various regions of the state.

Water Efficient Landscapes. California Department of Water Resources, brochure on-line.

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape/pubs/pubs.cfm>

California Master Gardener Handbook,

University of California Cooperative Extension, text book developed for UC Master Gardener training classes, covers full range of fundamental horticultural knowledge, pub# 3382, (800) 994-8849.

Drip Irrigation for Every Landscape and All Climates. ISBN: 0-9615848-2-3

Garden Watering Systems, Sunset Publishing

All About Sprinklers and Drip Systems, Ortho Books, ISBN: 0-89721-515-X

PLACES TO VISIT!

Local Public Gardens

California State University, Fresno:

Arboretum-Self-guided tree walk; tree list and map available, call Office of University Communications, 278-4620.

Allergy Free Demonstration Garden-located north of Smittcamp Alumni House

Rose Garden-located between Speech Arts and Thomas Administration Buildings

Iris Garden-located on south side of Pysch/Human Services Building

Clovis Botanical Garden:

Seven-acre botanical garden with climate appropriate plants, currently one-acre planted. Located east side Clovis Avenue north of Alluvial Avenue. Open Fridays 8-12 and Saturdays 9-1; free admission; 298-3091.

Friant Water Education Garden:

Primarily California native plants. Located on the Fresno side of Friant Dam, enter Millerton State Park, park vehicle at the old Millerton Courthouse and walk to the south end of dam. Open daily during state park hours; state park vehicle fee, garden free.

Garden of the Sun:

One-acre UC Master Gardener demonstration garden with an extensive food production garden and a lovely perennial garden. Located at 1944 N. Winery Avenue. Selection of classes taught on Wednesdays and Saturdays per published schedule, see web site below.

Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-1; admission fee \$2 per person. Groups welcome.

WEB SITES TO SEARCH!

Web Sites

www.fresnowater.org – City of Fresno, Water Division

www.wateright.org – interactive irrigation scheduling program developed by Center for Irrigation Technology, CSU Fresno

www.owue.water.ca.gov/landscape - State of California, Landscape Water Use Program,

www.monrovia.com – Monrovia Nursery, plant descriptions and pictures

<http://mgfresno.ucdavis.edu> – UC Master Gardeners, class schedules, tree selection guides, and pest management information.

<http://www.clovisbotanicalgarden.org/> - Clovis Botanical Gardens, history, plant showcase, membership.